श्री सभापति : नेक्सट क्वैश्चन । ...(**व्यवधान**)... ठीक है, ठीक हैं । ...(**व्यवधान**)... जल्दी से क्वैश्चन की लीजिए ।

श्री एम.एस. गिल : सर, 108 और 109 दोनों सवाल जुड़े हुए हैं । टेम्परेचर बहुत बढ़ा है । राजस्थान , पंजाब वगैरह ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री सभापति : आप क्वैश्चन करिए । ...(**व्यवधान**)... जरूरी होगा, जो जवाब दिया जाएगा ।

श्री एम.एस.गिल : सर, calamity तो वह चाहे गर्मी से आए या चाहे सर्दी से आए । ये कहते हैं कि सर्दी की Calamity तो हम मानते ही नहीं । ये कुछ मदद करें, दिल का कुछ रहम दिखाएं । आम आदमी को कुछ राहत दें । ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री शरद यादव : ठीक है, उन्होंने सलाह दी हैं । हम इस पर विचार करेंगे । ...(**व्यवधान**)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Cleft lip in children

*102. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 2.5 million kids in the country suffer from cleft lip;

(b) whether there are no proper medical facilities in the country for treatment of this palate defect;

(c)ifso, whether government propose to set up such facilities to help the children to have normal growth; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (d) No large studies have been carried out in India to establish the prevalence of cleft lip. However, as per rough estimates, the incidence of cleft lip and palate is approximately 1 per 700 to 1000 children. Considering the population of the country, it is estimated that approximately 1.5 million children are having cleft lip and palate.

The facilities for management of such deformities require surgical interventions and these are available both in public and private hospitals in the country. More than 1500 plastic surgeons, pediatric surgeons and maxillofacial surgeons are available to operate the cleft lip and palate children in the country. Such facilities are available at Central Government Institutions, namely Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, New Delhi, Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi, Kalavati Saran Children Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi, AIIMS, New Delhi, PGIMER, Chandigarh and JIPMER, Pondicherry.

The Cleft lip and Palate does not lead to any developmental or growth problem in the children.

Revamping of parcel services

*103. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to revamp its parcel services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the benefits expected as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(a) to (b) Yes, Sir. Revamping of parcel services is a continuous ongoing process. Parcel traffic on Indian Railways is carried either by direct booking at railway parcel offices or by leaseholders to whom parcel space in Brakevans (SLRs) or Parcel Vans (VPs) is leased out on contract basis for a fixed period.

To streamline movement of parcel traffic, booking and carriage of parcels has been rationalized in February, 2004 and November, 2005. Salient features of the rationalization policy are as follows:

(i) During transit, unloading and re-loading of parcels at intermediate stations from one train to another train is permitted only once within the jurisdiction of the originating Zonal Railway.